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Hon. Kenneth J. Vampola

Judgeship

2005 - present

Judge of the County Court, 6th Judicial District

Burt, Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Thurston, & Washington counties

2012, 2013, 2019, 2020

Presiding Judge of the 6th Judicial District, County Court

Experience

2003 - 2005

Nebraska Board of Parole, chairman

Lincoln, NE

Member of the Governor's Cabinet

1998 - 2003

Winnebago Tribal Court Judge

Winnebago, NE

1998 - 2003

Private practice of law

Arlington/Fremont, NE

1995 - 1998

Winnebago Tribal Prosecutor & Juvenile Presenting Officer
Winnebago, NE

1991
Brashear & Ginn, summer associate
Omaha, NE

1990 - 1992
Nebraska Department of Justice, law clerk
Lincoln, NE

Education

University of Nebraska College of Law, 1992
Juris Doctorate with distinction

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1978
Bachelor of Arts ? Journalism; minors in English, Psychology, & Biology

Judicial/Law Related Activities

Professional Affiliations

Nebraska State Bar Association
Nebraska State Bar Foundation
Nebraska County Judges Association
United States Department of Justice ? National Institute of Corrections, Youthful Offenders in the Adult Criminal Justice System Exploratory Expert Group, 2010
United States Commission on Civil Rights, Nebraska Advisory Committee, 2009 - present
State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, Judicial Branch Representative, 2008
Governor?s Substance Abuse Work Team, 2003 - 2009
Governor?s Cabinet, 2003 - 2005
Nebraska Community Corrections Council, 2003 - 2005
State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, Parole Board Representative, 2003 - 2005
Nebraska Serious & Violent Offender Re-entry program Steering Committee, 2003 - 2005
National Council of Parole Chairs, Advisory Council to Association of Paroling Authorities International, 2003 - 2005
Weed & Seed Steering Committee, Tri-Jurisdiction, 2003

Nebraska State Bar/Local Attorney Association Committees

House of Delegates, Nebraska State Bar Association, 6th District, 2009 - present
Nebraska High School Mock Trial, through NE State Bar Foundation
Regional Coordinator, 2005 - 2007
Nebraska State Bar Association, NE State Planning Group, 2001

Nebraska Supreme Court Committees

Evidence-Based Practices Committee, 2008 - present
Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, Pre-Hearing Conferences Protocol Development

Committee, 2007

Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, lead judge 6th district, 2006 - present

Commission on Children in the Courts, 2004 - present

Minority Justice Committee, 2003 - 2009

Community Activities

Fremont Chamber of Commerce

Knights of Columbus - 3rd and 4th Degree

Oblate to the Order of St. Benedict

Winnebago Tribe Boys and Girls Club, Board of Directors

Boys & Girls Club Steering Committee, member, 1998 - 2003

Juvenile Services Planning Committee, 1998 - 2003

Winnebago Community Strategic Planning Committee, 1998 - 2003

Police Review Board, member, 1995 - 1998

Multi-disciplinary Task Force, 1995 - 1998

Child Protection Team, 1995 - 1998

Family Preservation Committee, 1995 - 1998

Domestic Violence Task Force, 1995 - 1998

Youth Preservation Task Force, 1995 - 1998

Honors and Awards

2009 Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow:

Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow selection is based on the integrity and character of the lawyer/judge. Fellows are accredited by colleagues as leaders of the legal profession who contribute to charitable works and community education. Membership recognizes established legal professionals dedicated to improving the administration of justice.

Most Supportive Judge Award, Nebraska Foster Youth Council, 2010

Special Friend Award, Nebraska Foster Care Review Board, 2008

Visionary Award, Nebraska State Bar Association, Charitable Funds, Inc, 2006

Teaching & Publishing

Adjunct Instructor of Juvenile Justice, Midland University, Fall 2010

Graduation Address, Fremont Public Schools Learning Center, Fremont, NE, 2010

Opening Address on Indian Child Welfare Act Training, Boys & Girls Home of Nebraska Inc., Norfolk, NE 2010

Keynote address on Poverty and the Courts, Fremont Care Corps Annual Dinner, Fremont, NE, 2010

Panel Speaker, Office of Dispute Resolution Regional Conference, 2009

Speaker, "Crafting the Sentence," Nebraska Judges' Annual Meeting, 2009

Panel Speaker, on the role of mediation in Nebraska's Judicial System, Heartland Regional Conference of Mediators, 2009

Panel Speaker, on Evidence-Based Sentencing to Reduce Recidivism, Heartland Regional Conference of Mediators, 2008

Legislative-Judicial Visit program, 2008

Panel Speaker, on Indian Child Welfare Act Update, NE Bar Association Continuing Legal Education, 2007

Panel Speaker, on pre-hearing conferences best practices, Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative Regional Conference, 2007

Guest Speaker, on mental health issues in juvenile & criminal cases, Dodge County Mental Health Coalition, 2007

Panel Speaker, Juvenile Court Best Practices Termination of Parental Rights, County Judges Meeting, 2007

Panel Speaker, "A Day in the Life," Nebraska Bar Association Leadership Academy, 2007

Panel Speaker, "Offender Re-Entry," National Crime Victim's Rights Conference, 2005

Panel Speaker, on professionalism and ethics, Nebraska Corrections Association Annual Meeting, 2004

Panel Speaker, on cross-jurisdictional law enforcement issues, Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Conference, 2004

Guest Speaker, on state and tribal juvenile jurisdiction, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Conference on Juvenile Justice, 2004

Luncheon speaker, on Board of Parole purpose and policy revisions, American Corrections Association/Nebraska Chapter, 2003

Guest Speaker, on Board of Parole goals and objectives for 2003-2004, Nebraska Parole Officers/Administration Annual Training, 2003

Panel Speaker, on juvenile issues presented to judges and associated professionals, Center on Children, Families, and the Law, 2003

Panel Speaker, on tribal civil jurisdiction, Jurisdictional Issues in Indian Country, 2003

Panel Speaker, on effective tribal justice and enforcement, at the National Tribal Environmental Protection Conference, 2002

Panel Speaker, Indian Child Welfare Act in Nebraska, at the Continuing Legal Education Seminar Creighton University, 2001

Panel Speaker, Tribal Justice and Jurisdiction, UNL Law School Forum, 2000

Lecturer, Indian Child Welfare Act: Current Issues, Rulings, & Legal Effect in State & Tribal Courts, to the Douglas County Multi-Disciplinary child Protection Team, 1999

Continuing Education

Incentives and Sanctions, National Drug Court Institute, 2010

Children's Summit, Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, 2009

Evidence-Based Sentencing Practices to Reduce Recidivism: A Faculty Workshop, National Judicial College, 2009

Self-Represented Litigants in NE Courts, Regional Judges' Education, 2008

Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, Regional Conference, Nebraska Supreme Court, 2007

Northeast-Great Lakes Regional Meeting on Extending Project Passport, VAWA Model Protection Order, National Center for State Courts, 2007

Nebraska Children's Summit, Nebraska Supreme Court, 2006

General Jurisdiction, National Judicial College, 2006

National Train the Trainer Conference, National Drug Court Institute Sustainability of Drug Courts, 2004

Joint Re-Entry Initiative of U.S. Depts., of Justice, Veterans Affairs, Social Security, Health & Human Service, Housing, Education, and Labor, National Conference on Violent Offender Re-Entry, 2004

Governor's Meth Summit, 2004

Nebraska Dept. of Corrections Vision and Planning Conference, 2004

National Parole Chair Meetings, 2003

Essentials of a Tribal Judge, National Judicial College, 2001

Mediation Training, 2000

Office of Juvenile Justice Tribal Youth Programs, U.S. Dept. of Justice Regional Meeting, 2000

Violence Against Women Act, Great Lakes/Central Regional Meeting on Implementing Full

Faith and Credit, National Center for State Courts, MN and NM, 2000

Criminal Justice Policy and Research Conference, US Dept. of Justice Office of Policy and Research, Washington, DC, 1997

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